**Celebrate The Big Read in Pinellas County**

**Gatsby Revelers, Mix & Mingle**

This month, your annual library newsletter has been transformed into your "Official Guide to All Things Gatsby". Dance into our month-long programs at the Gatsby Gala Opening Celebration on October 2 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the Coliseum in St. Petersburg. Gatsby revelers will also have opportunities to win prizes, including one free night stay at the Don CeSar Beach Resort, A Loews Hotel, or four (4) Magic Your Way Disney Park Hopper Passes throughout the evening. (Event admission fee is $2.50.)

Your libraries have programming scheduled for the entire family. Be a part of a community book discussion, slide into a day of baseball, learn about the intrigue and treachery with our local scholars, or sit back and enjoy the music and grandeur of Jazz Era favorites! Remember, every Friday night, teens have an opportunity to join their fellow partygoers for an evening of "Puttin on the Ritz" as the Dunedin, SPC/West Community, Pinellas Park, and Largo libraries host teen lock-ins (registration required).

The closing weekend activities will include participation in the *Times* Festival of Reading on October 27 from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm and an Afternoon Tea at the Plumb House on Sunday, October 28 at 2:00 pm hosted by the City of Clearwater. The Plumb House will present the historical back-drop for our closing program and will include tours of the home, the music of The Florida Orchestra, children's activities, refreshments, and costumed actors portraying Gatsby main characters. This event will also showcase special displays from the Clearwater Historical Society. (Admission is free.)

The Big Read, launched nationally in 2006 by the NEA, in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and Arts Midwest, encourages literary reading by asking communities to come together to read and discuss a single book. This year’s community wide reading event will partner the public libraries with Pinellas County Schools, the *St. Petersburg Times*, and the Florida Orchestra, the City of Clearwater, the City of St. Petersburg, and the Suncoast Dance Academy.

For more information regarding The Big Read, contact Paula Godfrey at (727) 441 –8408 or visit www.pplc.us or www.NEABigRead.org.

**Backpacks, Books and Teddy Bears, Oh My!**

During the month of September, libraries across the country promoted “National Library Card Sign-Up Month.” With its innovative “Back to Books” concept, the Youth Services Department of Palm Harbor Library came up with a unique way to encourage families to apply for library cards for their children. Last year, the Office Depot Store located on the corner of Nebraska Avenue and U.S. Highway 19 gave the library twenty-five backpacks as part of its grand opening festivities. The library filled them with books and library “freebies” and offered them to school-aged children ages 5-12 who received their first library card during September.

The Registration Desk gave students who registered a special certificate to take to the Children's Department for a free backpack. On the very first day of registration, seven backpacks were awarded. The staff was delighted by the response!

The Youth Services staff also had a fun way for preschoolers to participate in Library Card Sign-Up Month. Preschoolers who brought in their favorite stuffed animal could register them for a "Teddy Bear Library Card" in the Children's Department. The owner received two free books, stickers, and a bookmark. Everyone’s a winner!

Celebrate National Friends of Libraries Week!

**October 21-27, 2007**

Thank you to our Friends of the Libraries groups throughout Pinellas County. During this annual celebration, we want to extend our appreciation and gratitude for all the support and assistance you provide to our public libraries throughout the year!
Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Book Lovers Bistro: Tuesday, October 2, 12:00 pm.
Great Books Lecture: Thursday, October 11, 1:30 pm.
Círculo de Lectura (Spanish Book Club): Wednesday, October 24, 1:00 pm.
North Greenwood Branch

Adult Book Club: Tuesday, October 9, 11:00 am. Share and discuss recent books.
East Branch

Mystery Readers Club: Tuesday, October 23, 10:30 am.

Dunedin Public Library

Great Decisions Discussion Group: Tuesday, October 9, 7:30 pm. Topic: War Crimes.

Great Books Discussion Group: Tuesday, October 16, 2:00 pm. *They'll Say, "She Must Be From Another Country*, by Imtiaz Dharker; *Fellowship* by Franz Kafka; *Earliest Impressions* by Jane Addams.

Contemporary Books Discussion Group: Tuesday, October 23, 7:00 pm. *In the Country of Men*, by Hisham Matar.

East Lake Community Library

**Book Discussion:** Thursday, October 11, 2:00 pm. *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

*Book Club:* Wednesday, October 17, 6:30-7:45 pm. We will be discussing Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life by Barbara Kingsolver.

Gulfport Public Library

**Coffee Talk:** Our 13th annual series of monthly book discussions kicks off with *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. Join us for coffee, light refreshments, and lively conversation on Thursday, October 18. Coffee is ready at 9:30 a.m., discussion starts at 10 o’clock. Copies of the book may be reserved at the Reference Desk.

Gulf Beaches Public Library

**Book Discussion:** Tuesday, October 16, 10:30 am. *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Mother & Daughter Book Group: Tuesday, October 23, 4:30 pm. A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park.

Gulfport Public Library

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Largo Library

The Last Word Book Club: Wednesday, October 3, 7:00 pm.
Booktalking with Iris: Wednesday, October 10, 12:00 pm. This month’s selection is *North River* by Pete Hamill.

**Books-to-Film:** Sunday, October 14, 1:30 pm. Read the book then see the film. Following the film will be a discussion of the movie and the book it was based on. *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald, starring Mira Sorvino and Toby Stephens.

Oldsmar Public Library

**Book Discussion:** Thursday, October 25, 12:00 pm. *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald. This event is part of The Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts. For more information, visit NEABigRead.org.

Palm Harbor Public Library

**PHL’s Book Club:** Monday, October 8, 11:00 am or 7:00 pm. Take part in Pinellas County’s The Big Read Program and join us to discuss *The Great Gatsby*. F. Scott Fitzgerald’s classic tale of corruption of the American dream. Refreshments will be served.

Pinellas Park Public Library

**Book Discussion:** Thursday, October 16, 2:00 pm. F. Scott Fitzgerald’s *The Great Gatsby*.

Safety Harbor Public Library

**Book Discussion:** Tuesday, October 16, 2:00–3:00 pm. *Tender is the Night* by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Part of the NEA The Big Read.

Stillwater Beach Public Library

**Book Discussion:** Tuesday, October 9, 10:30 am & Wednesday, October 10, 7:00 pm. *Thunderstruck* by Erik Larson.

**Book Discussion:** Thursday, October 25, 2:00 pm. *Dandelion Wine* by Ray Bradbury.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Call or check online for titles.

Main Library

**Book Discussion:** Tuesday, October 23, 6:30 pm & Sunday, October 28, 2:00 pm. *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

**Between Covers Book Club:** Wednesday, October 17, 7:00 pm.

**Bookers Club:** Thursday, October 18, 11:00 am.

Mirror Lake Branch

**Book Discussion:** Tuesday, October 16, 2:00 pm. *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

**Classic Up Close:** Tuesday, October 23, 2:00 pm.

North Branch

**Thursday Morning Group:** Thursday, October 4, 11:00 am.

Carl C. Jung Society Reading Group: Saturday, October 13, 2:00 pm. *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

South Branch

**Book Discussion:** Thursday, October 11, 2:00 pm. *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

**Book Club:** Thursday, October 11, 4:00 pm, *The Glass Castle* by Jean Walls.

Mahogany Book Club: Saturday, October 20, 10:00 am.

West Community Library

**West Community Group:** Wednesday, October 24, 1:30 pm.

Seminole Community Library

**Book Discussion:** Wednesday, October 24, 2:00 pm. *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

**Booktalkers:** Wednesday, October 3, 2:00 pm. *The Hours* by Michael Cunningham.

**Great Books Discussion Group:** Wednesday, October 17, 2:00 pm. *Uncle Vanya* by Chekhov.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

**Book Discussion Group:** Thursday, October 25, 12:00 pm.

**Book Discussion Group:** Thursday, October 25, 12:00 pm. *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald in celebration of The Big Read. Reader’s Guides and book discussion questions available at the Reference desk.
Computer Class es

Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
Registration is required. Call or register online at http://www.myclearwater.com/cpl/comptrain.

Introduction to Windows: Wednesday, October 3, 10:00 am.
Introduction to Windows In Spanish: Thursday, October 17, 6:30 pm.
Introduction to the Internet: Wednesday, October 24, 6:30 pm.
Introduction to the Internet in Spanish: Thursday, October 11, 10:00 am.
Introduction to Word: Wednesday, October 17, 10:00 am.
Introduction to Excel: Wednesday, October 24, 10:00 am.
Introduction to Power Point: Wednesday, October 31, 10:00 am.

North Greenwood Branch
Intro to eBay: Thursday, October 4, 11:00 am. Call to reserve a seat.
Buying and Selling on eBay: Thursday, October 18, 11:00 am. Call to reserve a seat.

Deaf Literacy Center
Safety Harbor Public Library
Computer Skills for the Deaf: Individualized tutorials, as well as small group instruction is offered on an as needed basis. Call for appointment.

Dunedin Public Library
Creating Data CDs with Windows XP: Tuesday, October 2, 11:00 am & Wednesday, October 10, 7:00 pm.
Selling on eBay: Wednesday, October 3, 6:15-7:45 pm.
USB Flash Drives: Thursday, October 4, 11:00 am & Wednesday, October 17, 7:00 pm.
Windows Media Player, Part 1: Tuesday, October 9, 11:00 am & Wednesday, October 24, 7:00 pm.
Windows Media Player, Part 2: Thursday, October 11, 11:00 am & Wednesday, October 31, 7:00 pm.
Health Information Online: Tuesday, October 16, 11:00 am.
Ancestry.com at the Library: Thursday, October 18, 11:00 am.
PowerPoint Basics, Part 1: Tuesday, October 23, 11:00 am.
PowerPoint Basics, Part 2: Thursday, October 25, 11:00 am.
Beyond PowerPoint Basics, Part 1: Tuesday, October 30, 11:00 am.
Beyond PowerPoint Basics, Part 2: Thursday, November 1, 11:00 am.

East Lake Community Library
Call the library to register for all classes. Registration begins the first day of the month.

InternetBasics-Travel: Saturday, October 6, 4:00-4:45 pm. Registration required. Explore useful travel sites on the internet. Includes information on finding hotels, booking flights, and other great tips.
Word Basics: Friday, October 19, 9:00-9:45 am. Registration required.

Gulf Beaches Public Library
Introduction to the Internet: Wednesday, October 3, 12:00 pm.
Introduction to Web-Based Email: Wednesday, October 10, 12:00 pm.
Find that Book Online: (Ages 10+ & parents) Wednesday, October 17, 4:00 pm.
Free One On One Computer Training: Call to schedule an appointment with a library volunteer.

Gulfport Public Library
One-on-One Computer Instruction: By appointment only.

Largo Library
Small Business Center Computer Classes: The following free hands-on workshops are two hours and require attendance at both the Monday and Wednesday sessions. Instructional materials are included. Reservations required.
Microsoft Excel, Level 1: October 1 & 3, 6:00 pm.
Microsoft Excel, Level 2: October 8 & 10, 6:00 pm.
Microsoft Power Point, Level 1: October 15 & 17, 6:00 pm.
Microsoft Power Point, Level 2: October 22 & 24, 6:00 pm.
Microsoft Publisher: October 29 & 31, 6:00 pm.

Palm Harbor Public Library
Saturday Morning Computer Seminar: "Organizing Your Life With Outlook". Saturday, October 20, 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Dave Dockery will explain how using Microsoft Outlook will help keep a handle on your email, calendar and tasks.

Computer User Group: Monday, October 15, 6:30-8:00 pm. Planned activities and a question-and-answer session. All levels of expertise are welcome.

Hands-on Computer Training: "Computer Basics": Tuesday, October 9, 12:00-2:00 pm. "Introduction to Email": Tuesday, October 16, 12:00-2:00 pm & Monday, October 22, 6:00 – 8:00 pm. "Surfing the Web / Internet I": Tuesday, October 2, 1:00-3:00 pm & Thursday, October 25, 1:00-3:00 pm. "Buy & Sell on eBay": Friday, October 5, 12:00-2:00 pm. Learn the basics of using eBay to buy and sell items. All classes are on a first-come, first-served basis. In person registrations taken on the day of class only.

Pinellas Park Public Library
Adult Beginner Computer Classes: Call for class schedule.
Special Session Computer Class-Web Sites by Design: Wednesday, October 10, 7:00 pm.

Safety Harbor Public Library
Buying on eBay: Thursday, October 4, 6:30-8:00 pm. Presentation by an eBay University representative.
Windows & PC Basics: Friday, October 5, 9:45-10:45 am. Registration required.
Email Basics: Friday, October 12, 9:45-10:45 am. Registration required.
Digital Photography: Thursday, October 18, 6:30-7:45 pm.
Internet & Database Searching: Friday, October 19, 9:45-10:45 am. Registration required.
Excel Basics: Friday, October 26, 9:45-10:45 am. Registration required.
Computer Tutorials: One-on-one 15-minute hands-on computer tutorials covering basic computer skills or a focused task. Friday mornings and by appointment.

St. Pete Beach Public Library
Online Treasures, Part III: Tuesday, October 9; 10:00 am. Using Overdrive, one of the Library’s premium databases, to download audio books.

St. Petersburg Public Library System
Main Library
One-on-One Internet Training: Call for an appointment.
Johnson Branch
One-on-One Computer Training: Tuesdays, 10:00 am. Registration is required.
North Branch
One-on-One Computer Training: Wednesdays, 9:00am, 10:00 am, 1:00 pm & 2:00 pm. Registration required
South Branch
Basic Internet & Email: (Individual Classes) Wednesdays, 10:00 am. Designed for adults with a least an introductory knowledge of computers.
Intro to Computers, Basic Internet & Email: (Group Classes) Fridays, 10:00 am. (Classes will alternate) The intro to computers class is designed for adults with no knowledge of computers.
PAC Training: Tapping the Power of Polaris: Tuesday, October 2, 2:00 pm.

Tarpon Springs Public Library
Registration is required for all computer classes.

Computer Basics: Thursday, October 4, 1:00 pm.
Internet Basics: Wednesday, October 17, 3:00 pm.
Introduction to Microsoft Word: Thursday, October 25, 1:00 pm.
Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

One-on-One Business Counseling: Tuesdays, 10:00 am-3:00 pm.
Planning for Your Business: Wednesday, October 24, 5:30 pm.
Films on the Bluff: Tuesday, October 9, 6:00 pm.
Films on the Bluff: Tuesday, October 23, 2:00 pm.
Menus @ Main: Thursday, October 11, 12:00 pm. Cooking demo followed with food sampling. Limited to 25 participants.
Opera Rocks: Wednesdays, 12:00 pm. Lecture and discussion presented by the Pinellas Opera League.
Countryside Branch

Real Lives Film Series: Wednesdays, 2:00 pm.
October 3: J.C. Penney: Main Street Millionaire; October 10: Joan Collins; October 17: Kirk Douglas: A Lust for Life; October 24: Mark Twain: His Amazing Adventures.

Living Will Program: Tuesday, October 16, 6:00 pm. Volunteer attorneys of the Clearwater Bar Association assist in executing a Florida living will.

North Greenwood Branch

Scrabble: Wednesday, October 10 & 24, 11:00 am. Bring your Scrabble board.
Fall Gardening Session I: Monday, October 15, 3:00 pm. Listen to stories and watch a movie about gardening.
Fall Gardening Session II: Monday, October 22, 3:00 pm. Plant your plants and garden outside the library.

SHINE: Tuesday, October 9 & 16, 10:30 am. Serving Health Insurance Needs of Seniors.

East Branch

Mystery Readers Club: Tuesday, October 23, 10:30 am.
Deaf Literacy Center

Palm Harbor Library

Individual Tutoring for the Deaf: Tuesdays, 2:00-4:00 pm. Call for appointment.
Adult Beginners Sign Language: Tuesdays, Aug. 28-Dec 4, 6:30 pm. 15-week course.

Pinellas Park Public Library

Individual Tutoring for the Deaf: Thursdays, 2:00-4:00 pm. Call for appointment.
Adult Beginners Sign Language: Thursdays Aug. 30-Dec 13, 6:00-7:00 pm. 15-week course.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Individual Tutoring for the Deaf: Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays. Call for appointment.
Basic Deaf Literacy: Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 pm. Includes reading, writing and computer skills. Call for appointment.
Adult Beginners Sign Language: Mondays, Aug. 27-Dec. 10, 6:00 pm. 15-week course.
Adult Intermediate Sign Language: Mondays, Aug. 27-Dec 10, 7:00 pm. 15-week course.

St. Petersburg Library South Branch

Individual Tutoring for the Deaf: Tuesdays, 3:00-5:00 pm. Call for appointment.
Adult Intermediate Sign Language: Tuesdays, Aug. 28-Dec. 4, 6:00 pm. 15-week course.
Adult Beginners Sign Language: Tuesday, Aug. 28-Dec 4, 7:00 pm. 15-week course.

Dunedin Public Library

Tuesdays at Two Film Program: 2:00 pm. The Great Gatsby: October 2; Mad Hot Ballroom: October 9; Paper Clips: October 16; Been Rich All My Life: October 23; King Ludwig's Fairy Tale: October 30.

Genealogy Assistance: Thursdays, 1:00-3:00 pm. Members of The Caladesi Chapter of the DAR are here to assist you.

Literacy Program: The Literacy Council of Upper Pinellas (LCUP) is having tutoring workshops this fall. Call for additional information.

Outreach Program for Adults: If someone you know is homebound in Dunedin and would like monthly deliveries of library materials, please call the library.

Selling on eBay: Wednesday, October 3, 6:15 pm. Barry Cohen, an education specialist trained by eBay will teach you how to sell on eBay. Our regularly scheduled computer class will be combined with this program.

East Lake Community Library

AM Café: Fridays, 10:00 am-noon. Enjoy coffee and a snack while browsing for your books.
Friends of East Lake Community Library: Tuesday, October 2, 6:30 pm.
ELCL Writer’s Critique Group: Mondays, October 8 & 22, 6:30-7:45 pm. A workshop for writers of all levels. Read excerpts of your works in progress and receive helpful feedback.

Advisory Board: Tuesday, October 9, 6:00 pm.
Chess Club: Wednesdays, October 10 & 24, 3:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. If you have your own chess set, please bring it.

Gulf Beaches Public Library

Film Movement: Tuesday, October 1, 5:30 pm. Viva Cuba.
Travel Film: Wednesday, October 10, 2:00 pm. Germany & Scandinavia.
Just Poetry: Tuesday, October 9, 6:00 pm.

Gulfport Public Library

Socrates Café: Thursday, October 11, 10:00 am & Friday, October 26, 6:00 pm. These monthly discussion groups were inspired by the book The Six Questions of Socrates.

Suncoast Computer Users: Thursday, October 11, 6:00 pm.

Scrapbookers Club for Teens and Adults: Saturday, October 13, 1:00 pm. Make beautiful pages of memories for yourself and your family. Some supplies available, but you need to furnish your own 12x12 scrapbook album.

MS Support Group: Thursday, October 25, 10:00 am-noon. Informal group for persons with multiple sclerosis and/or their family and friends to share information and provide support. Facilitated by Tracy Woolrich, RN.

Genealogy Discussion Group: Saturday, October 27, 1:00 pm. This is not a formal class, just an opportunity to meet and share experiences and information with others interested in delving into their family history.

Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers: Wednesdays, 9:15 am-12:00 pm.

Largo Library

Getting Started on Your Genealogy: Saturday, October 6, 1:00 pm. Learn the basic tools and some simple tips to begin breaking down the “brickwall” and creating your family tree. Reservation required.

Poets Live!: Monday, October 8, 6:00 pm. Open mic poetry readings.

Mark Twain on Humor: Tuesday, October 9, 7:00 pm. Join Professor Emeritus George Frein as he portrays America’s greatest humorist.

Helping You Achieve Your Retirement Vision: Monday, October 15, 7:00 pm. Merrill Lynch Financial Advisor Candice Looney provides information and advice to attain the retirement you envision.

Ancestry Library Edition: Saturday, October 20, 1:00 pm. You will learn to navigate this very useful database to help you fill in your family tree. Reservation required.

Gertrude Stein Has Arrived!: Thursday, October 25, 7:00 pm. Betty Jean Steinshouer will be appearing as Gertrude Stein and discussing her contemporaries’ writing as well as her own.

Heritage Quest Database: Saturday, October 25, 1:00 pm. Learn what information is available on this database and how to access it. Reservation required.

Bartering 101-Thinking Outside the Box to Build Your Business Future: Tuesday, October 2, 6:00 pm. This free program will show you how to reach your goals using alternative sales options that are simple and easy to implement and have a proven track record.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Business Assistance Center: Tuesdays, 1:00-3:00 pm & 5:00-7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of the month. The Palm Harbor Library's Business Assistance Center is dedicated to assisting the business and entrepreneurial community of Palm Harbor. The Library staff and the Business Assistance Specialist provide information, assistance and advocacy to facilitate and advance the business development process through print media, electronic resources and training via telephone or in person. Contact Business Assistance Specialist Trevor Davis at (727) 784-4287 for further information.
Adult Programs

Business Assistance Program: Tuesday, October 23, 11:30 am-1:30 pm. A partnership among the Palm Harbor Chamber of Commerce, Palm Harbor Library and Pinellas County Economic Development, offers its second program of the season, “A Business Tech Fair”. There will be various presentations how to use technology to improve and enhance your business.

Palm Harbor Writers Group: Tuesdays, October 2 & 16, 6:30-8:00 pm. All writers or those interested in writing are welcomed to attend. Bring a sample of your work to share. Call (727) 786-3113 or e-mail: phwritersgroup@verizon.net for details.

Socrates Café: Wednesday, October 3, 6:00-7:45 pm & Thursday, October 18, 1:00-2:45 pm. Join us for this overwhelmingly popular discussion group where suggested topics are voted on to discuss. See website www.philosopher.org for details.

Literacy: Monday, October 8, 12:30-2:00 pm & 6:30-8:00 pm. The Literacy office is now open on the second Monday of each month for tutors and students. Come in and look at materials as well as talk to Literacy staff to answer questions and make suggestions.

New Tutor Orientation: Thursday, October 11, 6:00-8:00 pm.

New Tutor Training: Saturday, October 20, 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Call if you are interested in becoming a tutor or student.

Master Gardeners Series – Garden Design, Part 2: Wednesday, October 10, 3:00 pm & 6:30 pm. Learn how to design your garden in Part 2 of the program. Just one in a series of gardening classes we will be offering. Call the educators at the Pinellas County Extension Office at (727) 582-2673 to reserve a seat.

Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Wednesday, October 10, 9:30 am-12:00 pm. A representative from Florida Telecommunications Relay will be here to offer special phones and ring-signaling devices to qualified deaf or hard-of-hearing residents. Call (727) 399-9983 (voice) or (727) 399-9422 (TTY) for details. The library has Sorenson Video Relay Service for on-site use by deaf and hard-of-hearing patrons. All phone calls are free.

The Great Gatsby: “Ethics in Baseball” and Film Screening: Saturday, October 13, 2:00 pm. As part of Pinellas County’s The Big Read Program, join us for a baseball-themed day as the library will host a discussion for adults on “Ethics In Baseball” and show a screening of the film, Eight Men Out.

Clam Bayou Jazz Band: Sunday, October 14, 3:00-4:30 pm. All are welcome to attend a free concert presented by the Clam Bayou Jazz Band. The band celebrates the novel, The Great Gatsby with 1920 favorites. Special guest Senator Mike Fasano will be joining in the celebration.

Genealogy: General Meeting: Monday, October 22, 7:00 pm. The Suncoast Genealogy Society will hold its general meeting. Genealogy Help: Available in the Reference Department on Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00 pm.

Poetry in the Stacks: Saturday, October 27, 2:30-4:00 pm. A gathering of words and minds. Come read your latest work, read poetry by your favorite author, or just come to listen.

Pinellas Park Public Library

Genealogy Workshop: Monday, October 1, 6:00 pm. Peter Summers, Pinellas Genealogy Society, will present a genealogy workshop for those who are just getting started or someone seeking more information about what resources are available locally. Registration required.

Safety Harbor Public Library

ESOL Tutor Training: Saturday, October 13, 9:00 am-1:00 pm and Sunday, October 21, 1:00-4:30 pm. Both sessions required. Pre-register.

P.O.S.H. (Players of Safety Harbor): Fridays, 6:30 pm. Beginning acting workshop, which started September 21, featuring the basics of drama including presentation of a selected monologue, learning through reading, memorizing, and interacting in 2-3 character play shorts.

Ask A Genealogist: Tuesday, October 23, 3:00-4:00 pm.

Friends of the Library: Meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

The Basics of Selling on eBay: Saturday, October 13 (continued Saturday, October 20); 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Setting up an account, researching values/marketable, invoicing, shipping and more. With pro eBay trainer, Jim Sanderson. Pre-registration required; Call (813) 988-1269.

Screening/Discussion of The Sweet Smell of Success: Friday, October 26, 1:00 pm. A powerful columnist is determined to break up his sister's engagement to a jazz musician. Starring Tony Curtis and Burt Lancaster.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

North Branch

English for Speakers of Other Languages: Wednesdays, 3:30-5:00 pm. For new learners of the English language.

South Branch

Drawing Classes: Thursdays, 6:00-8:00 pm. Sign-up early for these popular classes. Cost is $15.00 per class/$60.00 per 4-week session. Prepayment and pre-registration required.

Craft Club: (All ages) Saturday, October 6, 2:00 pm.

West Community Library

Family Story Time: (All ages) Thursday, October 4, 7:00 pm. Storytelling for the entire family.

Writing for Fun and Profit: Thursdays, 2:00-3:30 pm. An informal writing workshop for the community and college students. For more information, contact Rosalind Miller, 381-1030.

Genealogy Family History Lecture Series: Saturday, October 13, 10:00-11:00 am. Lecture series about discovering your family history. Presented by Susan Hickok & Charlie Grandmasion. Sponsored by the Friends of West Community, for more information contact the Friends at 341-7174 or 341-7172

Seminole Community Library

Classic Movie Matinee: Fridays, 1:00 pm. Free popcorn & sodas.

October 5: The Great Gatsby; October 12: Operation Petticoat; October 19: The Redhead From Wyoming; October 26: Mildred Pierce.

Sean Scott Medicaid Seminar: Tuesday, October 9, 2:00 pm.

Hidden Stitches: Wednesday, October 17, 6:30 pm.

Toastmasters: Tuesdays, 6:00 pm.

Fibromyalgia Support: Saturday, October 20, 11:00 am.

Mom's Club: Monday, October 1, 10:00 am.

Parkinson's Support Group: Thursday, October 11, 6:00 pm.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Genealogy Assistance with John Kiwala: Mondays, 10:00 am-4:00 pm.

Genealogy Assistance with Ken Nichol: Tuesdays, 10:00 am-4:00 pm.

Genealogy Assistance with Mary Kay Heitmann: Wednesdays, 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

Writers Group: Fridays, 10:00 am.

Tarpon Springs Investment Group: Wednesday, October 3, 6:30 pm. Hosted by Matthew Xiarhos. To register, call (877) 632-7491.

An Evening with the Author: Tuesday, October 9, 7:00 pm. Francine Pappadis Friedman, author of Match Dot Bomb will discuss her midlife journey through internet dating. Free refreshments courtesy of Mykonos Restaurant and Fournos Bakery of Tarpon Springs.

Bay Knit Wits: Wednesday, October 10, 6:00 pm. Knitting and crochet group.

From the Cook's Shelf: Wednesday, October 17, 7:00 pm. Cookbook discussion group. Please call for this month's topic.

Peska French Film Series: Thursday, October 11, 2:00 pm. Showing of Au Revoir les Enfants,

Not Far from the Family Tree: Saturday, October 13, 10:00 am. An introduction to genealogy with Mary Kay Heitmann.

Author Luncheon Series: Tuesday, October 16, 11:30 am. Have lunch with author Marshall Frank. Cost is $15 and includes a boxed lunch. Pre-registration is required.

Free Blood Pressure Screening: Thursday, October 18, 1:30-3:30 pm. Provided by Helen Ellis Home Care.

Friends of the Library Book Sale and Christmas Booktique: Thursday, October 18, 2:00-6:00 pm; Friday, October 19, 10:00 am-6:00 pm; Saturday, October 20, 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Large selection of bargain books on sale.

History Discussion Group: Wednesday, October 24, 1:30 pm. Hosted by Jerry Garcia.

Things that Go Bump in the Night: Thursday, October 25, 6:30 pm. Free popcorn & sodas.

October 6: Friends of West Library Book Sale.

Ten Steps to Small Business Success: Tuesday, October 30, 7:00-9:00 pm. Presented by the Pinellas County Chapter of SCORE (The Service Corps of Retired Executives). Registration required.
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- Facilitates the sharing of library talent, materials and services
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- Coordinates the access to information technologies
- Provides library staff with professional consultation and continuing education

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SERVICES
- Book discussions and reviews
- Books, tapes, CDs, videos, and magazines for checkout
- Community rooms
- Computer classes
- Home Delivery
- Friends of the Library and volunteer groups
- Internet access
- Interlibrary loan
- Literacy classes and tutoring
- Programs for adults and young adults
- Reference assistance and reader’s advisory
- Story hours and children’s activities

POLICIES
- A resident of the unincorporated areas of Pinellas County or one of the member cities is entitled to a free library card.
- Residents of non-member cities may receive a card valid for one year upon payment of $100. Note: Some cities reimburse all or part of this fee.
- One Cooperative card is good at all Cooperative libraries.
- Cards issued to residents are valid for three years.
- Cards issued to non-residents are valid for one year.
- Register for a card at any Cooperative member library.
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Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
Special Collections Department Grand Opening: 6:00 pm. Join us for the grand opening of the Special Collections Department. Displays will be provided by the Clearwater Historical Society featuring 1920s Clearwater as a part of The Big Read.

October 2
Clearwater Public Library System
East Branch
Animal Teeth: 3:30 pm. Moccasin Lake Nature Park program.

October 3
Clearwater Public Library System
East Branch
Defeat Literacy Center Catsby in ASL: 6:00 pm at Blossom Montessori School for the Deaf (14088 Icot Blvd.) in Clearwater. The Great Gatsby book discussion. Come celebrate the novel while expressing yourself through visual arts.

October 4
Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
The Great Gatsby Lecture and Discussion: 2:00 pm. In celebration of The Big Read, Dr. Phillip Spijora from the University of South Florida will lecture about The Great Gatsby.

October 5
Dunedin Public Library
Puttin’ on the Ritz: (Ages 10 & up) 6:00-8:00 pm. It’s the Big Read! We’re reading The Great Gatsby and puttin’ on a great event. Come dressed in your 1920’s costume and join us for food, games and a dance contest. In partnership with Palm Harbor, Safety Harbor and Tarpon Springs Libraries Registration required.

October 6
St. Pete Beach Public Library
Guest Lecture/Discussion: 10:00 am. Dr. Gail Sinclair will host a presentation entitled “Why the Fitzgeralds Couldn’t Have Been in Florida Before 1932.” A professor from Rollins College provides an overview of Scott and Zelda’s busy schedules during the 1920s, including four long stays in Europe. At the Don Vista Cultural Center, 3500 Pass-A-Grille Way.

October 8
Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
The Great Gatsby: 2:00 pm. Watch the 1974 classic film The Great Gatsby as part of The Big Read celebration.

October 9
Safety Harbor Public Library
Identity Theft: 2:00-3:00 pm. Presentation by a lawyer from the Florida Bar Speakers Bureau. Refreshments provided.

October 10
Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
Big Dig Day: 2:30 pm. Experience the big rigs up close with stories and activities. Event will be held outside of the Main Library at Coachman Park.

Dunedin Public Library
The Jazz Age: A History: 2:00 pm. The history of jazz will be presented by an area history instructor. At William E. Hale Activity Center, Dunedin, FL 34698.

Mark Twain on American Humor: 7:00 pm. Dr. George Fein, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy & Religion at the University of North Dakota, adjunct Professor of Religion at Furman University, and director of the National Chautauqua Tour, will portray Mark Twain. This program is funded by the Florida Humanities Council.

Safety Harbor Public Library

October 11
Safety Harbor Public Library
Film The Great Gatsby: (Teens & Adults) 4:30-7:30 pm. 1974 version. Discussion follows. Refreshments provided. Part of the NEA The Big Read.

October 12
Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
The Great Gatsby Book Discussion: 2:00 pm. Film buffs will truly enjoy this presentation by Carl Colette Bancroft, (Ages 10-18) 6:30-8:00 pm. “The Kid Counselor”: 6:30-8:00 pm. "Reflecting Feelings: Recognizing Your Child’s Emotions" parenting workshop.

October 14
Dunedin Public Library
The Great Gatsby Book Discussion: 11:00 am. This event is part of The Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest.

East Lake Community Library
All About the Sundance Film Festival: (Ages 15 & up) 2:00 pm. Film buffs will truly enjoy this presentation by Carl Zimmerman on the Sundance Film Festival experience. Registration required.

Dunedin Public Library
Puttin’ on the Ritz: 2:00 pm. Puttin’ on the Ritz: 2:00 pm. Colette Bancroft, St. Petersburg Times Book Critic, also served as an English professor for several years before joining the newspaper. She will discuss literary reading and the importance of writing in today’s society.

October 16
Pinellas Park Public Library
Sherrill Milnes, Opera Singer: 7:00 pm. Harlestan lessons, food, games, trivia, music and an optional costume contest – It’ll be the Cat’s Meow and you don’t need any dough. Registration required and begins October 5.

October 20
Gulfport Public Library
Folk Tales and Stories for the Whole Family: 2:00 pm. Local educator and professional storyteller Sula Donnolo, a well-known member of the Tampa Bay Storytellers Guild, is multi-lingual (English, Spanish and Portuguese), and a great deal of research and authenticity goes into the stories she selects.

October 22
Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
Sherrill Milnes, Opera Singer: 2:00 pm. A look into the life of one of the world’s most famous opera stars.

October 24
Dunedin Public Library
Author Tea: 2:00 pm. Ann O'Farrell, author of Norah’s Children, will discuss her book.
**Clearwater Public Library System**

**Main Library**

*Celebrate Teen Read Week with Author Doug Wilhelm*: Monday, October 15, 7:00 pm. Young Adult Author Doug Wilhelm will tour select public schools and libraries and discuss the importance of literary reading and his efforts as a writer. One free copy of *The Great Gatsby* will be given to a lucky winner as a prize during his visits to celebrate The Big Read in Pinellas County.

*Anime Movie Night*: Monday, October 22, 7:00 pm.

*Video Gaming Night*: Tuesday, October 23, 5:30 pm. Play the latest video games, including Xbox, Wii, Playstation 2, Guitar Hero, and DDR.

*North Greenwood Branch*

*Video Gaming Night*: Tuesday, October 16, 4:00 pm. Play the latest video games, including Xbox, Wii, Playstation 2, Guitar Hero, and DDR.

*East Branch*

*Video Gaming Night*: Saturday, October 13, 1:00 pm. Play the latest video games with other teens.

**Dunedin Public Library**

*Celebrate Teen Read Week with Teen Author, Doug Wilhelm*:

- Ages 10 & up: Tuesday, October 16, 4:30 pm. Meet the author of *The Revealers* and *Falling*. Find out what it takes to be an author and have your questions answered. One free copy of *The Great Gatsby* will be given to a lucky winner. Registration required.

*Teen Mystery Night*:

- Ages 10 & up: Thursday, October 18, 6:00-7:30 pm. We’ll show you the crime scene and you can use your powers of deduction to help us solve the murder at your library! Registration required.

**East Lake Community Library**

*Teen Library Council*: Mondays, 5:00 pm. Teens meet to plan programs.

*Chess Club*: Wednesdays, October 10 & 24, 3:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. If you have a chess set, please bring it.

*Feng Shui Your Room and Get What You Want out of Life*:

- Ages 12 & up: Monday, October 15, 6:00 pm. Athena Pappas advises teens on how to use Feng Shui in life. Registration required.

**Gulfport Public Library**

*Scrapbookers Club for Teens and Adults*: Saturday, October 13, 1:00 pm. Make beautiful pages of memories for yourself and your family. Some supplies available, but you need to furnish your own 12x12 scrapbook album.

*Jr. Largo Library*:

*Japanese Friendship Club*: Ages 13-19, Friday, October 5, 2:00 pm. Teens meet to learn about Japanese culture in honor of Largo’s sister city, Kochi, Japan (AKA Tosayamada).

**Palm Harbor Public Library**

*Book Sale*: 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Check out the bargains at the Semi-Annual Friends of the Palm Harbor Library Book Sale.

**Palm Harbor Youth Volunteers**:

- Monday, October 8, 6:30 pm. Our teen volunteer group meets once a month to plan, assist and create programs for the youth of the community.

*Teen Playwriting/Writing Workshop*:

- Ages 12-16: Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 pm. Teen writers meet to discuss topics of interest and plan library programming.

*“Puttin’ On The Fitz” Teen Gatsby Lock-In*:

- Friday, October 26, 6:00-9:00 pm. Largo Public Library will partner with the Clearwater Public Library for an evening of fun based on *The Great Gatsby* and the Roaring Twenties.

**Pinellas Park Public Library**

*Free Practice S.A.T.*: October 6 & 13, 10:00 am. Take a free practice test on 10/6 and get an analysis of your results on 10/13. Learn strategies to improve your score. Presented by Kaplan Test Prep. Sign up at 1-800-KAP-TEST. Registration required.

*Puttin’ on the Fitz-1920s Lock-In*:

- (Middle and high school students) Friday, October 19, 7:00-10:00 pm. Charleston lessons, food, games, trivia, music and an optional costume contest — It’ll be the Cat’s Meow and you don’t need any dough. Registration required and begins October 5.

**Pinellas Park Public Library**

*Children’s Costume Parade*: 3:00 pm.

*Pinellas Park Public Library**

*Saturday Tutoring for Teens*: Math and other subjects. 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Tutor: Vinay. Call (727) 726-3386.

*P.O.S.H. (Players of Safety Harbor)*

- Teen Drama Group*: Ages 11-16

  - Rehearsals Mondays, 4:30-5:30 pm. Registration required. Performance scheduled for Saturday, February 2, 2:00 pm.

*Teen Program*: Ages 12-16

- Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 pm. Teens share and critique their play scripts and other original writings.

(Teen Programs continued on page 11)
Children's Programs

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Toddler Storytime: Fridays, 10:00 am.
Preschool Storytime: Wednesdays, 10:00 am.

Little Ones Music and Stories: (Birth-3 yrs) Fridays, October 5 & 19, 10:00 am

Rising Stars: (Ages 4-6) Tuesdays, 2:30 pm & Wednesdays, 3:00 pm. Children will be entertained while learning with stories, songs, crafts, and opportunities to participate in literacy activities.

Bright Minds: (Ages 3-5) Wednesdays, 10:00 am. Children will enjoy theme-based stories, songs, book-related films, crafts and other reading readiness/literacy activities.

Saturday Storytime: (Ages 3-7) Saturdays, 10:00 am.

Countrywide Branch

Toddler Storytime: Thursdays, 10:00 am.
Preschool Storytime: Wednesdays, 10:00 am.

North Greenwood Branch

Homework Help: Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 3:00 pm.

Craft Corner: Thursdays, 3:00 pm.

Friday Afternoon @ the Movies: 3:00 pm. Watch flicks to start off the weekend.

Preschool Storytime: Mondays, 10:30 am.

East Branch

Preschool Storytime: (Ages 3-5) Wednesdays, 10:00 am.
Toddler Storytime: Wednesdays, 11:00 am.

Bedtime Stories: Wednesday, October 17, 7:00 pm. Wear pajamas and bring a blanket or stuffed animal.

Deaf Literacy Center

Palm Harbor Library

Toddler Time to Sign: Tuesdays, 10:30 am. Participants learn to use sign language with their pre-verbal babies. Call to register.

Children's Sign Language: (Ages 6-12) Tuesdays, Aug. 28-Dec. 4, 4:30 pm. Registration required.

Pinellas Park Library

Children's Sign Language course: (Ages 5-12) Thursdays Aug. 30-Dec 13, 4:00-5:00 pm. 15-week course.

Safety Harbor Library

Infant/Toddler Time to Sign: Thursdays, 10:30 am. Participants learn to use sign language with their pre-verbal babies. Call to register.

Children's Sign Language: (Ages 5-12) Mondays, Aug. 27-Dec. 10, 4:00-5:00 pm. 15-week course.

St. Petersburg Library South Branch

Children's Sign Language: (Ages 5-12) Tuesdays, Aug. 28-Dec 4, 4:00-5:00 pm. 15-week course.

Dunedin Public Library

Positively Preschoolers Storytime: (Ages 4-5) Tuesdays, 2:00 pm. Program is a repeat of the Thursday Preschool Storytime.

Baby & Me Storytime: (Birth-18 mos) Wednesdays, 10:00 am.

Toddler Time: (18-36 mos) Wednesdays, 10:30 am.

StoryTime: (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 10:30 am.

Tiny Tales at the Dunedin Community Center: Tuesday, October 2, 10:00 am. Join us for a special storytime at the Community Center.

Captain Underpants: (Ages 7-12) Wednesday, October 10, 6:30 pm. Your favorite superhero! We'll have games, fun and snacks. It'll be toilet-tastic! Registration required.

Sunday Fun Day: Sunday, October 21, 1:00-4:30 pm. Stop in the Youth Department for a special "make and take craft". This month's theme is "Going Batty".

Family Fun Night – Round Up Rodeo: (Ages 5-12) Tuesday, October 23, 6:30 pm. Saddle up for a night of crafts, games and old time fun! Registration required.

Halloween Storytimes: Preschool Storytime on Thursday, October 25 at 10:30 am; Positively Preschoolers on Tuesday, October 30 at 2:00 pm; Baby & Me and Toddler Time on Wednesday, October 31 at 10:00 and 10:30 am. Come dressed up for our Halloween storytime. We'll hear some tales and trick-o-treat around the library!

East Lake Community Library

Teen Puppet Theatre: (All ages) Mondays, 7:00 pm. Our Teen Library Council writes, produces and stars in amusing puppet shows every week.

Toddler Story Time: (Birth-3 yrs) Tuesdays, 10:15 am.

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, 11:00 am.

Family Story Time: (All ages) Wednesdays, 7:00 pm. A craft and story before bedtime with a “casual” dress-code – pajamas! (There will be no Family Story Time on nights when there is a special scheduled children’s event.)

Gulf Beaches Public Library

Story Time: (Birth-3 yrs) Tuesdays, 10:30 am.

Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Fridays, 10:30 am.

Largo Library

Toddler Storytime: (Ages 1-2) Thursdays, 10:00 am.

Preschool Storytime: (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 11:00 am.

Family Story Night: Mondays, 7:00 pm. Stories and songs for the whole family. Come in your pj’s and bring your favorite stuffed animal.

Puppet Show: Tuesday, October 9, 10:00 am.

Pup Pals Reading Dogs: Saturday, October 27, 10:00 am. Increase your reading confidence by reading to man’s best friend. For elementary age children. Registration required.

Halloween Storytime with Costume Parade: (All ages) Wednesday, October 31, 10:00 am. Come in costume for storytime followed by a parade through the library.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Mother Goose: (Birth-2 yrs) Saturdays, October 6 & 20, 9:30 am.

Toddler Story Time: (18 mos-3 yrs) Mondays, 10:00 & 11:00 am.

No story times on October 8. October 29 story times will include a Toddler Costume Parade and Halloween theme.

Bedtime Bash: (Ages 3 & up) Mondays, 7:00 pm. An evening story time - bring your teddy bears (pajamas optional!). October 29 will be a special “Creature Feature” Halloween story time.

Granny Jane’s Story Corner: (All ages) Wednesdays, 3:00 pm.

The Kids Counselor: Choice-Giving: (Parents & Caregivers) plus Micestronauts Puppet Show: (ages 4 – 9 for children whose parents are in the Kids Counselor program) Saturday, October 6, 10:30 am. Kids Counselor Brenna Hicks offers a parenting program dealing with principles of self-esteem, self-control, and responsibility in children. To help with child care, parents may register their children at the same time for the Micestronauts Puppet Show and story time. Pre-registration required – call for more information.

Guys Read-Take Me Out to the Ball Game: (Ages 8-12) Saturday, October 13, 10:30-11:30 am. As part of the Pinellas County’s The Big Read Program, join us for a book discussion and activity program featuring Shoeless Joe and Me, by Dan Gutman (free copies available to all registrants). Pre-registration required – call for more information.

Scarecrow Craft: (Ages 8-12) Saturday, October 20, 1:30-2:30 pm. Create a wonderful lawn decoration for the fall season – you supply the clothes, we supply the stuffing! Pre-registration required.

First Steps Parent/Child Workshops (Ages 1-3; siblings to age 4 welcome) Fridays, October 19-November 16, 9:30-10:30 am or 11:00 am-12:00 pm. A four-week interactive play program for parents and toddlers featuring toys, crafts, community child development professionals, and a Parent Resource Center. This program is funded by a grant from the CitiGroup Foundation. Pre-registration required.

Halloween Costume Swap: (Birth-12 yrs) During the entire month of October, new and gently used children’s costumes will be available in the Children’s Room to swap or shop for a small donation. Recycle those costumes your children have outgrown or no longer want!
Children’s Programs

Pinellas Park Public Library

Chess Club: Mondays, 3:00-5:00 pm (Beginner instructions); 4:00-5:00 pm (Advanced instruction). Free play encouraged during club hours. Bring your friends and join us for free instruction and friendly competition for players of all levels.

Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, 10:00-10:30 am.

Mother Goose: (Birth-3 yrs) Tuesdays, 10:45-11:05 am.

Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, 7:00-7:30 pm.

Basic Drawing Classes: (Grades 3-6) Wednesday, October 3 & 24, 3:00-4:00 pm. Lots of hands on exercises, no supplies required. Registration required and began for first class on September 19 and will begin for second class October 10.

Evening Mother Goose: (Younger children) Thursdays, 7:00-7:30 pm. The last Thursday of the month is our Pajama Party. Don’t forget to wear your favorite pj’s!

YU-GI-OH Game Day: Saturday, October 13. Registration begins at 9:00 am. You must be registered by 10:00 am to play. Cool prizes awarded.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Puppet Camp: (Ages 6-10) Monday & Tuesday, October 22 & 23, 3:30-5:30 pm. Participants will present a puppet show Wednesday, October 24, 7:00 pm. Registration required and begins Monday, October 1.

Young Storytime’s: (Ages 5 & under) Mondays, 10:30 am.

Family Storytime: Mondays, 7:00 pm.

Baby & Me: (Birth-18 mos) Tuesdays, 10:30-11:00 am. Registration required.

Toddle Time: (18 mos-2 ½ yrs) Tuesdays, 11:15 am. Registration required.

Preschool Storytime: (Ages 5 & under) Wednesdays, 1:00 pm.

P.O.S.H. (Players of Safety Harbor) Youth Drama Group: (Ages 7-10) Rehearsals Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 pm. Performance scheduled for Saturday, January 19, 2:00 pm. Registration required.

Little Folks Storytime: (Ages 3 & up) Fridays, 10:30 am. Registration required.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

Mother Goose Time: (Birth-3 yrs) Tuesday, October 2, 16, 23 & 30, 10:30 or 11:30 am. Dolphin Club: (Ages 3 & up) Tuesdays, 4:00 pm. Longer stories and sometimes crafts. Weekly Topics: “Froggy” (October 2), “The Berenstain Bears” (October 9), “At the Beach” (October 16), “Tomie DePaolo Books” (October 23), “Creatures of the Night” (October 30).

Sunshine State Book Discussion Club: (Ages 10-12) Monday, October 8, 5:00 pm. Christopher Mouse: The Tale of a Small Traveler by William Wise.

Library in the Park: Thursday, October 11, 4:00 pm. Stories, a craft and outdoor play. *At Vina del Mar Park, 302 South Isle Drive.

Book Exposure: (Ages 10 & up) Monday, October 22, 7:00 pm. Discover new authors and new series—and other avid readers!

6th Annual Halloween Parade and Storytime: Wednesday, October 31, 4:00 pm. Come in costume, listen to scary stories. Free photos and refreshments, too.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

After-School Story Program: (Ages 6-12) Tuesdays, 4:00 pm.

Cosmic Kids-Fantasy Sci-Fi Book Club: (Ages 8-12) Tuesday, October 23, 6:30 pm.

Mother Goose: (Birth-3 yrs) Fridays, 9:30 & 10:30 am

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Wednesdays, 10:00 am

Family Story & Craft: (Ages 3-8) Thursdays, 6:30 pm.

Kids Craft Corner: (All ages) Sunday, October 7, 2:00 pm. Make and take craft projects.

Johnson Branch

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Fridays, 9:45 & 10:15 am.

Mirror Lake Branch

Hungry Dumpy: (Infants-crawlers) Mondays, 10:30 am & Wednesdays, 3:30 pm.

Jack & Jill: (Walkers-3 yrs) Mondays, 11:00 am & Wednesdays, 4:15 pm.

Preschool: (Age 3) Tuesday, September 4 & 18, 10:00 am & (Ages 4-5) 10:30 am.

North Branch

Mother Goose: (Birth-3 yrs) Mondays, 11:00 am & Wednesdays, 10:00 am. Registration required.

Pre-School Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Wednesdays, 11:00 am. Registration required.

South Branch

Mother Goose: (Birth-3 yrs) Thursdays, 11:30 am.

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, 11:30 am.

Newberry Book Club: (Ages 8-12) Tuesday, October 9, 4:00 pm. Reading list available.

West Community Library

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10:00 am.

Mother Goose: (Birth-3 yrs) Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 11:00 am.

Seminole Community Library

Toddler Storytime: (Ages 1-3) Fridays, 10:15 am. Registration required.

Craft Saturdays: Saturdays, 10:00 am-3:00 pm. A different craft each week.

Youth Chess Club: Monday, October 1 & 15, 3:30 pm. All ages and skill levels welcome.

Craft Club: (Ages 6-12) Friday, October 5, 4:30 pm. Registration required.

Bath and Beauty Products: (Ages 7-18) Saturday, October 13, 2:00 pm. Make your own lip gloss and bath salts. Registration required.

Knit Club: (Ages 7-18) Saturday, October 20, 2:00 pm. Beginners and advance knitters welcome. Supplies are limited so participants are welcome to bring their own supplies.

Teen Programs (continued)

Teen Book Chat Club: (Ages 12-16) Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 pm. Share your favorite books and book swap.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

Teen Book Discussion: Tuesday, October 16, 6:00 pm. The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Film Screening: Thursday, October 18, 6:00 pm. The Great Gatsby.

Monthly Teen Night: (Ages 13-19) Date & time TBA, call Paul @ 892-5296 for details.

South Branch

Teen Advisory Council/ Teen Book Club: (Grades 9-12) Friday, October 12, 4:30 pm.

West Community Library

Teen Scene: (Ages 13 & up) Thursdays, 6:00-8:00 pm. Call Kitt at 341-7185 for more information.

Seminole Community Library

Library Youth Advisory Board: Thursday, October 4 & 18, 7:00 pm.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Youth Chess Club: Monday, October 1 & 15, 3:30 pm. All ages and skill levels welcome.

Bath and Beauty Products: (Ages 10-17) Saturday, October 13, 2:00 pm. Make your own lip gloss and bath salts. Registration required.

Knit Club: (Ages 7-18) Saturday, October 20, 2:00 pm. Beginners and advance knitters welcome. Supplies are limited so participants are welcome to bring their own supplies.
**Meet Young Adult Author**

Doug Wilhelm

Monday, October 15th, 7:00 pm
Clearwater Public Library - Main
100 N. Osceola Avenue
(727) 562-4970, ext. 5244

Tuesday, October 16th, 4:30 pm
Dunedin Public Library
223 Douglas Ave. • (727) 298-3080